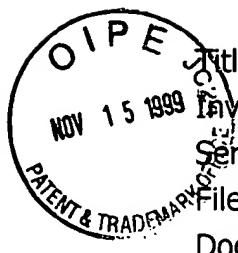


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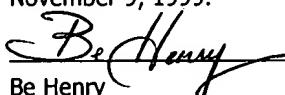
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Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Add the following sentence at the beginning of the written description: -- This application is related to the co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/987,186, filed on December 8, 1997 and entitled Apparatus for Managing Cables. --

On page 3, line 15 delete "furst" and insert in lieu thereof -- first --.

In the Figures

Substitute Figures 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 are attached with amendments indicated in red.

In the Claims

Cancel claims 8 through 10, 15 and 19 without prejudice. Amend claims 5 through 7, 11, 13, 14 and 16 through 18 as follows.